

LILYDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2019

Present – Mayor Warren Peterson; Council Members John Diehl, Lyle Hanzal, Bill Kleinman and Anita Pampusch; Mary Schultz, City Clerk and Kathy Mutch, administrative assistant.

Also Present –Bridget Nason, city attorney; Jeff Weiss, Barr Engineering; and Mendota Heights Police Captain Wayne Wegener.

The city council meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Peterson.

Agenda – **Moved by Councilmember Pampusch and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comments – None

November 12, 2019 City Council Minutes –**Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the November 12, 2019 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.**

Councilmember Diehl arrived at 4:45 p.m. He asked the council to consider amending the November 12th minutes. Attorney Nason suggested the council introduce a motion to reconsider and reopen discussion of the minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and second by Councilmember Kleinman to reconsider and reopen discussion of the November 12, 2019 City Council Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Diehl proposed that Resolution 19-8 Commending City Attorney Michael O’Brien be included in its entirety to ensure it is part of the official minutes.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to amend the November 12, 2019 city council minutes and attached Resolution 19-8, Commending City Attorney Michael O’Brien, as part of the official record. Motion carried 5-0.

Building Official Report – No report.

Police Report – Captain Wegener acknowledged an increase in package and mail thefts during the holiday season. He warned do not approach, but do write down vehicle description and/or license plate number and call 911 for assistance.

Engineer Report – Jeff Weiss reported on several items.

As part of the drop shaft project an educational sign was to be designed and installed. The sign would be located between the pedestrian trail and the Colony’s parking lot. The sign would show

what the SAFL Baffle does and describe where the grant money came from. Weiss will ask for an updated quote and have the sign installed in the spring.

Weiss reported on a brief conversation he had with Maureen Gruntner, manager of the Pool and Yacht Club regarding her concern with increased risk of flooding of Interstate Valley Creek due to redevelopment of the River Bluffs Center. Weiss stated he doesn't have an answer at this time, as a stormwater plan for the site has not been formally submitted by Kimley-Horn.

Mayor Peterson stated the council has been waiting for an update on the storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems. Weiss stated that he will submit a written report for the January city council meeting but can provide a verbal report at this time. Weiss noted the lift station is the most expensive part of the system. The pumps are good for 20-25 years. The rest of the structure will need to be replaced in about 20-25 years. He is concerned about the metal ring the lift station sits on that is deteriorating.

The storm sewer system is 25 years old and can last up to 100 years. Weiss reminded councilmembers when the drop shaft was installed there was a problem with drilling and there is a 20-30 foot section of pipe that does not have a pre-coated lining. He estimates it could cost \$25,000 to get the lining installed which could be done in the next few years.

The City received a letter from the Metropolitan Council when it was close to exceeding the maximum allowable flow of 20%. Weiss believes at some point the city will exceed the maximum and something should be done proactively. He suggested installing flow monitors in a few manholes. He thinks it may be more reasonable to purchase rather than rent the flow monitors.

Weiss did not have an update on the River Bluff Center development. A verbal ok was given regarding water runoff at a meeting with the Minnesota Department of Transportation but he has not received final word.

Attorney Report – No report.

Community Waste Abatement Grant Agreement – The 2020 waste abatement grant agreement was listed on the November City Council meeting agenda; however the agreement document was inadvertently omitted from the meeting packet. At the November meeting the council did approve the grant program guidelines, application, and insurance terms. The grant agreement requires council approval.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the Dakota County Community Waste Abatement Grant Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

Renewal of Tobacco Licenses – Three tobacco licensees have submitted an application packet and \$300 license fee for renewal of their license for 2020.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to approve the tobacco license renewals for these establishments for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Motion carried 5-0.

Renewal of Liquor Licenses – Each licensee has submitted an application packet. The Mendota Heights Police Department is currently completing a background investigation on all of the applicants.

Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the liquor license renewals for the establishments listed on Attachment A for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 2020, contingent on payment of the license fee and completed background investigation finding no issues of concern. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk’s Report – Clerk Schultz noted the majority of the deposits were sewer and stormwater payments, permits and an annual payment for garage rental. **Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to approve the November financial reports. Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Peterson suggested continued dialog secondary to the engineer’s report on sewer matters. Storm sewer and sanitary sewer fund balances, storm sewer rates, potential expenses to be budgeted, and paying off the bond were discussed.

Moved by Mayor Peterson and seconded by Councilmember Diehl to direct staff to prepare the necessary documents to amend the ordinance, to look at paying off the outstanding bond, and to reduce the storm water assessment by 50 percent. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Budget Meeting – Mayor Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. No community members were present to address the council.

Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Hanzal to close the public budget meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Resolution 19-10 – Moved by Councilmember Hanzal and seconded by Councilmember Diehl to approve a proposed budget of \$626,415 for the general and debt service funds, and a proposed levy of \$542,490.

Adjournment – Moved by Councilmember Diehl and seconded by Councilmember Kleinman to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Final copy reviewed by:

Mary Schultz, City Clerk

Warren Peterson, Mayor

Date